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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION N	Ю.
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INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: November 27, 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: November 25, 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION

GROPING OPERATION APPARATUS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. X This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- 4. 🖾 The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
- 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. \square is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. 🗵 has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. \square is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. \square are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. \square have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. D have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d.

 have not been made and will not be made.
- 8.
 An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

- 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- 14. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 15. ☐ A substitute specification.
- 16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 17. \(\text{\PCT}\) A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 1.825.
- 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- 20. ☑ Other items or information:

Application Data Sheet

Eight (8) Sheets of Formal Drawings

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21. The following fees are submitted:			CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY			
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1) – (5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)							
nor international sea	arch fee (37 CFR 1.445(a						
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ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$860.00			
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than \(\bigcup 20 \) \(\bigcup 30 \) months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$			
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE				
Total claims	13 - 20 =		X \$18.00	\$			
Independent claims	5 -3=	2	X \$80.00	\$160.00			
MULTIPLE DEPEND	ENT CLAIM(S) (if appli		+ \$270.00	\$			
	TOTAL OF	ABOVE CALCUI	LATIONS =	\$1,020.00			
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				\$			
SUBTOTAL =			\$1,020.00				
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$			
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,020.00			
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$40.00			
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,060.00			
				Amount to be refunded:	\$		
				Charged:	\$		
a. A check in the amount of \$1,060.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.							
b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 19-2380 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.							
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